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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, SY, US

SUBJ: POSSIBLE BILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR SYRIA

1. BY THREE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING TELS (DAMASCUS 2394, 2395, 2396) WE PRESENT OUR PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON DISCUSSIONS TO BE HELD HERE DURING NOOTER'S VISIT BEGINNING OCT. 26, AND WHAT WE CONSIDER SHOULD BE DONE TO STRENGTHEN US-SYRIAN ECONOMIC/CULTURAL RELATIONS DURING PERIOD BETWEEN HIS VISIT AND PASSAGE OF NEW AID LEGISLATION NEXT SPRING.

2. I HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT YOU ESTABLISH AN AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON SYRIA IN ORDER TO COORDINATE THE MANY AGENCY POSITIONS THAT WILL BE INVOLVED AND TO PROVIDE US AND AID WITH TIMELY AND COMPLETE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE VARIOUS PROGRAMS WE HAVE RECOMMENDED. I PARTICULARLY NEED YOUR STRONG SUPPORT IN CUTTING THROUGH IMMEDIATELY ANY INTER-AGENCY HAGGLING OVER HOW WE SHOULD UTILIZE \$10.4 MILLION WORTH OF CURRENTLY BLOCKED OR DELINQUENT SYRIAN POUNDS ONCE SARG AGREEMENT OBTAINED.

3. WHILE OUR PEACE EFFORTS CONTINUE -- AT TIMES INFLUENCED BY FACTORS OR ELEMENTS BEYOND OUR CONTROL -- I AM CONVINCED WE CAN AND SHOULD RESPOND TO SYRIA'S OBVIOUS DESIRE FOR CLOSER  
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US-SYRIAN ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RELATIONS. WE

HAVE IT IN OUR POWER TO DEVELOP THESE TIES RAPIDLY  
AND WE WILL PUSH HARD TOWARD THAT GOAL IN THE FIRM  
CONVICTION THAT THESE CLOSER RELATIONS CAN ONLY  
FACILITATE ACHIEVEMENT OF OUR POLITICAL GOALS IN  
THIS COUNTRY.  
MURPHY

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